

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 11, 19, and 20 have been amended. Claims 23-25 are new. Support for the amendments and new claims can be found in at least Figures 6-8 and Paragraphs [0044], [0045], [0048], and [0049].

Claims 1-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US 3,371,848 ("Ward") in view of US 7,172,779 ("Castellanos"). The current Office Action presently only makes specific rejections to claims 1, 6-11, 13, 14, 18, 19 and 21, and it appears that no specific rejections of many of the other claims. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims of this application in light of the remarks presented herein.

Neither Ward nor Castellanos disclose two inclined base portions having a maximum width less than a maximum width of a central base portion such that second opposing sides of the central base portion are disposed between the tray endwalls and the inclined base portions, as recited in claim 1 and 20. Neither Ward nor Castellanos disclose two inclined base portions having a maximum width less than a maximum width of the central base portion such that side regions of the central base portion are disposed between the tray endwalls and the inclined base portions, as recited in claim 19.

The Office Action alleges that Castellanos teaches an inclined base portion with a width less than the width of the base portion. However, the inclined portions 24, 26, and 28 (Figure 4A) of Castellanos are each wider than the central base portion 22. More specifically, each of the inclined portions tapers out from the central base portion and grows wider than the central base portion.

Ward simply discloses a tray with a central portion and inclined portions on either side of the central portion. There is no disclosure in Ward of the inclined portions having a maximum width less than the maximum width of the central base portion such that the central base portion extends between the tray endwall and the inclined base portions.

Thus, neither reference, either alone or in combination discloses all of the features of the present disclosure. As the combination of Ward and Castellanos do not disclose all of the

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features of independent claims 1, 19, and 20, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection as to these claims.

Given the above discussion of Ward and Castellanos with respect to the independent claims, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-18 and 21-22 dependent therefrom are patentable over the applied references.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required with respect to this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,
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